# Accessing NILS GeoCommunicator's Rights-of-Way Records

The Land and Mineral Use Records interactive map is available through the NILS GeoCommunicator website (www.geocommunicator.gov) and contains information from the BLM's National Integrated Land System (NILS) with access to the BLM's Legacy Rehost System - LR2000 (www.blm.gov/lr2000). The following instructions will guide you through an interactive web mapping session where you can search for Rights-of-Way (ROW) data and integrate it with other spatial reference themes.



Connect website http://www.geocommunicator.gov. Use Internet Explorer as your browser. Pop-Ups must be allowed. Note: ROWs are shown on the map by their legal description and not by a center-line. Not all ROW data is in GeoCommunicator.

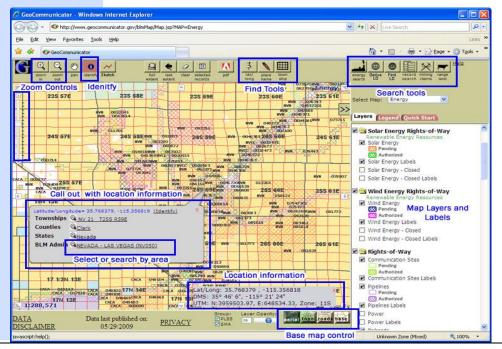
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Click "Energy Map" from home page or from the Interactive Maps.

The Energy Viewer offers the capability to search, access, and dynamically map data from NILS and provides links to BLM's LR2000 System for reports.

The image below shows the general features of the map interface. Open the ROW, Wind, or Solar folder under the layers tab and select the map layers and labels to display on the map. The map layers in light gray are not active at the current map display. Zooming in/out will activate/deactivate the map layers. The window below shows the tools available within NILS GeoCommunicator.

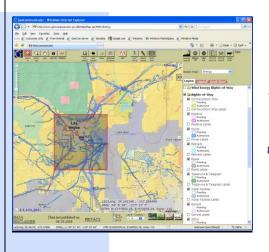


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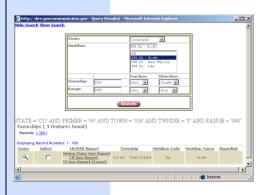
Click on and off map lavers and labels to display on the map.

Click the folder to display the selected layers on the map.

Toggle on/off the base maps using the controls at the bottom of the map.



Zooming into Las Vegas using the Zoom In tool to draw a box around the area



**Township** Search with results



Lat/long Search

# SEARCH For Rights-of-Way 5-<u>ways</u>

# 1-Search using Map tools

Click "Zoom In" from the menu bar, then click (hold) and drag a box on the map where you want to zoom in to. You can also use the scroll bar on the left or your mouse wheel. -OR-

## 2-Search using Place Name



Click on "Place Name" from the menu bar, and enter the name of a place, such as a city, state, county, etc. A list of place names

is returned. Click on the appropriate name in the list to zoom to your area of interest.

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#### 3-Search using Township Search



Click Township and enter State, Meridian, Township, Range. From the search results select zoom to go to the location. For a list of all

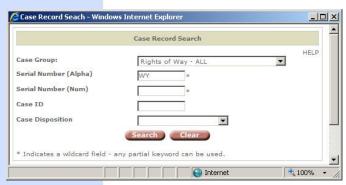
ROW cases in the township, select LR2000 CR Geo Report. See Run LR2000 Reports below for more info. -

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### 4-Search using Latitude/Longitude Search



Click on "lat/long Search" from the menu bar. Enter lat/long in decimal degrees, degrees/min/sec, or UTM.



Search for ROW Record

#### 5-Search using Case Record Search



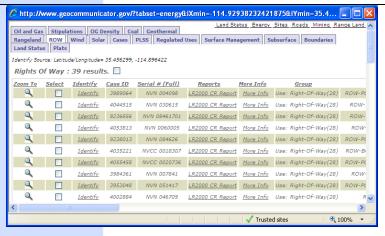
Click on "Record Search" from the menu bar. A new Case Record Search window will appear. Select Rights-of-Way from the scroll bar.

Search for a ROW by Serial Number and/or Case ID.

A partial serial number may be entered in either the alpha or numerical field. For example, enter WY in the Serial Number (Alpha) field and click "Search".



**ROW Search Results** 



Identify Window – Showing ROW Record Information

## **SEARCH RESULTS**

All of the ROW cases that meet your search criteria will be displayed in the search results. Click in the "Select" box to highlight the parcel on the map or select "Zoom" to go to the parcel on the map.

Click "LR2000 Report" to get an up-to-date serial register report of the case directly from the BLM LR2000 Reporting System.

#### Identify Rights-of-Way Parcels



The "**Identify**" button is used to display record information about a parcel on the map. Click the

"Identify" button and then click on the parcel on the map. From the Identify Window click on the tabs for record data including ROW, Solar & Wind Energy, Surface Management Agency, PLSS (T/R/S) and Cases.

To highlight the parcel on the map, check the "Select" box next to the record. Click on "Zoom" to go to the record you want to display on the map. The data in the Identify Window is a subset of the data in LR2000. A 'Y' in the Partial Geometry field means not all of the lands were mapped.

For **up-to-date** information on the parcel, select "**LR2000**" from the **Identify Window** to get a serial register page directly from the BLM's LR2000 Reporting System. Select "**More Info**" to get just the customer information. Select "**Identify**" to use the **boundary of the case** as your search area. This is a **very powerful search** that will bring up a new Identify Window with results based on what is happening within and touching the area of the case. Use the tabs to research what is happening in the area of a ROW.

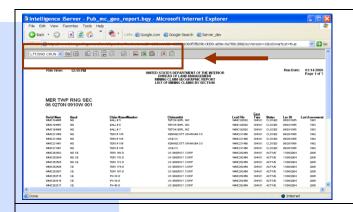


Identify Window - showing information under the PLSS tab including links to TWP CR GeoReport

# Run LR2000 Reports - Find ROW cases that aren't being displayed

Under the **PLSS tab** you can get a **LR2000 CR Geo Report**. Click on the link to launch a live report from the LR2000 reporting system. This report will display the active and closed ROW cases by serial number that occur within the township. All ROWs have a casetype that begins with 28.

This will help you to find all of the ROW cases occurring on a piece of land even though they are not displayed on the map.



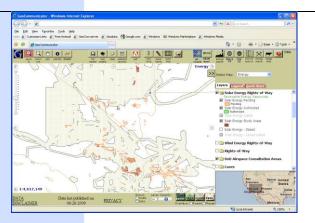
# LR2000 Reports

Use the controls at the top of the LR2000 report to view all of the pages in the report or to export the data to an excel spreadsheet.

You can also get LR2000 reports directly from the LR2000 Reporting System at: <a href="http://www.blm.gov/lr2000">http://www.blm.gov/lr2000</a>, select Reports from the menu bar.

# Determine information about the area by turning on Base Maps. Reference Themes, and other data layers.

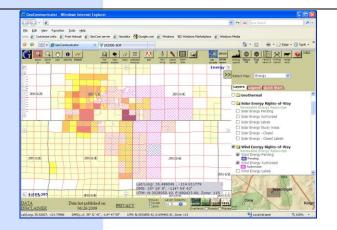
Turn on base maps such as PLSS for land descriptions, SMA for what agency is managing the surface of the lands, aerial imagery, and topo maps. Additional reference themes can be found in the Reference folder.



Solar Energy Project Areas, pending and authorized solar energy, and the DoD Airspace Consultation Areas

DoD Airspace Consultation Areas - The data layer called "DoD Airspace Consultation Areas" is an important data layer for wind, solar and communication site development. If a proposed site occurs in this area, consultation with the Dept. of Defense may be required.

**Solar Energy Study Areas** as shown in the Solar Energy Programmatic EIS are located under the solar energy layers.



Mining Claim density mapping with wind energy development

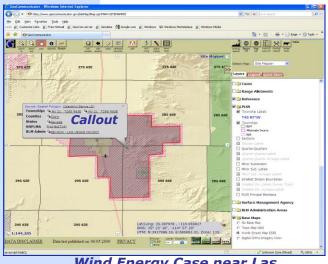
Mining Claim (MC) Density - Determine where there could be mining claims within an area that could affect the development and placement of wind or solar energy or other activities in the area. The screen shot to the left is of an authorized wind energy case showing some of the areas with heavy mining claim activities in red, gold, and yellow. The MC density can be shown at the township, section, or quarter level and includes the number of active claims in the area. The MC density information is coming directly from LR2000 and includes MCs that may not be in GeoCommunicator.

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Map of overlapping wind and solar energy areas

# Find where there are wind, solar, and other ROWs in the same area:

Below is a screen shot showing a pending wind energy application in blue in the same area of multiple pending solar applications in orange. Use the Identify to highlight the parcels on the map and get details about the ROWs. The **Application Date** for solar in the Identify Window shows who was first to apply. ROW powerlines, roads, and communication sites issued by the BLM are also shown is the area. Serial numbers are also displayed. From the Identify window you can link to the serial register page to get detailed data on the ROW.



Wind Energy Case near Las Vegas, Nevada

# Find out what is going on in the area of the ROW application

Here is a screen shot of the Site Mapper Viewer (Energy Viewer can be used as well) showing a wind energy case in the Las Vegas area. To determine what else is going on in the area that might have a potential influence on development use the **Sketch Tool** to draw a box just inside the boundary of the parcel. To use the sketch tool, click on the Sketch tool first to activate it and then click on the map to start your box. Continue to click around the parcel going **clockwise just inside the boundary.** To end the drawing double click the last point to finish the polygon but **don't** have the last point on top of the first point.

After the sketch has finished, a **Callout** will appear on the map and an **Identify Window** will pop-up as shown below. From the **Identify Window** click on the **tabs** to find out what is going on in the area. The maximum number of records displayed under any tab category –such as Active Mining Claims is 100. If there are more than 100 records there will be a button called

€ http://www.geocommunicator.gov/?tabset=sitemapper&spatialFilter=true - Identify - Windows Internet Explorer Sites Oll and Gas OG Density Rangeland ROW Surface Management PLSS PDF Land Status Enercy Sites Roads Mining Range Land A Cases Subsurface Minerals Land Use Permits Mineral Materials Coal Geothermal Stipulations Regulated Uses Boundaries ning Claims Roads Plats Land Status Mining Claims - Active Results Identify Source: Spatial Sketch Filter Mining Claims - Active : 425 results Reports More Info Case ID Serial # (Full) Claim Name LR2000 MC Report More Info VES 234 9023252 NMC927261 Mining claims(38) LODE CLAIM(3841 LR2000 MC Report More Info VES 238 9023256 NMC927265 Mining claims(38) LODE CLAIM(3841 9023247 NMC927256 Mining claims(38) LODE CLAIM(3841 LR2000 MC Report More Info VES 229 9023249 NMC927258 Mining claims(38) LODE CLAIM(3841 LR2000 MC Report More Info LR2000 MC Report More Info VES 215 9023233 NMC927242 Mining claims(38) LODE CLAIM(3841 LR2000 MC Report More Info VES 199 9023217 NMC927226 Mining claims(38) LODE CLAIM(3841 Q LR2000 MC Report More Info VES 185 9023203 NMC927212 Mining claims(38) LODE CLAIM(3841 nttp://www.geocommunicator.gov/blmMap/identify.jsp?iXmin=8iXmax=8iYmin=8iYm √ Trusted sites € 100% ▼

**`See All Results**'. Click the button to see the complete list of cases.

The Identify window shows there are 425 active mining claims within the wind energy area. For information about the mining claims click in the 'Select Box' to highlight it on the map, click the 'LR2000 Report' link to get a serial register page, or click on 'More Info' to see the list of claimants.

#### **Powerful Searching**

Use the **Callout** for additional record searching. On the **Callout**, click the name '**NEVADA – Las Vegas**' next to BLM Admin Area to search for information that occurs

within BLM Las Vegas office boundary. To search by County click the **County** name or click the **Township** to search the Township. Also use the **Identify** option next to any record to search by the record boundary. Use the tabs in the window to find the activities occurring in the area.

## To capture the list of Serial Numbers and retrieve the serial register pages

If you wanted to get a serial register page for all of the claims in the area you could copy the serial numbers from the Identify Window and paste them into an Excel spreadsheet. Your goal is to get just a list of mining claim serial numbers with a comma after each serial number. Copy this list. Open up the BLM's LR2000 system (http://www.blm.gov/lr2000), click Reports> PUB MC Serial Register Page. Paste the list of serial numbers into the serial number field and run the report. When the results are returned save the file to pdf for a complete listing of all the serial register pages.

#### For GIS Users

If you have GIS software you can use GeoCommunicator's wind & solar energy or ROWs map services (image and feature) or any of GeoCommunicator's many map services within your local GIS. This allows you to bring in your own data sets to create customized maps or export the data in different formats. For detailed information on using the map services refer to the 'Map and Data Services' section on GeoCommunicator.

#### Data Disclaimer

The graphical display of land and mineral parcels and mining claims are NOT a substitute for the official BLM record. Most of the cases from the BLM's National Integrated Land System and the BLM's Legacy Rehost LR2000 (LR2000) are displayed in GeoCommunicator, although not all. Approximately 80-85 % of the LR2000 records are in NILS GeoCommunicator. Therefore, there are land and mineral records and mining claims issued or recorded by the BLM and maintained in LR2000 or other systems that occur on the land but are not in NILS GeoCommunicator and therefore do not show up on the map. Please refer to the LR2000 reports (http://www.blm.gov/lr2000) for a more complete list of land and mineral records and mining claims. Unpatented mining claims are generally 'nominally' recorded to the quarter section. The actual location of the mining claim is somewhere in the mapped area. See GeoCommunicator's "What's New", "About", or "Reference" sections for more information.

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